

OVERHILLS, GREAT CIRCUS  
(Building No. 1)  
Overhills Historic District  
East of Nursery Road  
Fort Bragg  
Harnett County  
North Carolina

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD  
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Location: East of Nursery Road, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, N  
USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quad  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17  
Northing 3899021  
Easting 680420

Present Owner: Department of Defense  
Department of the Army  
Fort Bragg

Original Use: Training and gathering space for the horses and hounds

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Hunt Stable portion of the Overhills area at Fort Bragg is a contributing part of an eligible Fort Bragg historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in the early 1920s, the Great Circus was the centerpiece of the Hunt Stable complex. It was used by the Rockefeller family and guests as the ceremonial gathering place for horses and hounds, which were stabled on the north and south sides of the circus, prior to a foxhunt. The Great Circus was also used as an exercise and training area for the hunt horses. The Hunt Stable is located on the eastern edge of the Overhills historic district as identified in the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report, Overhills, Fort Bragg, May 2000.

### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Physical History

1. Date of Erection: Early 1920s.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and Subsequent Owners: Rockefeller Family, Fort Bragg.
4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown.
5. Original plans and construction: None could be located.
6. Alterations and additions: Unknown.

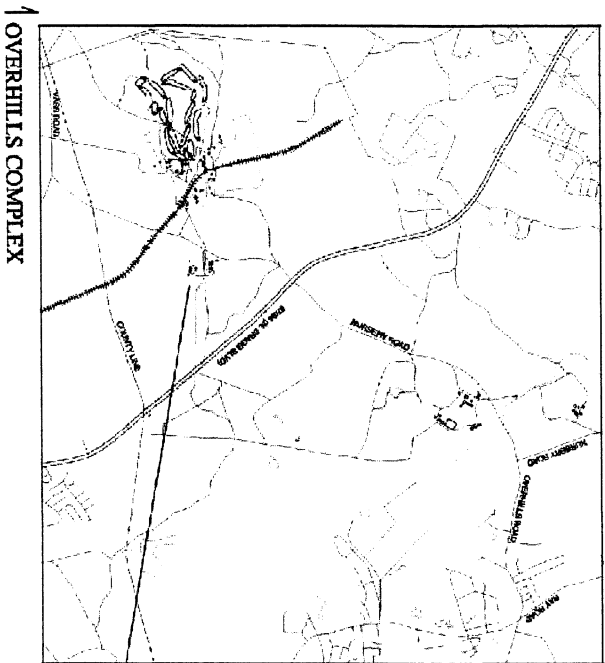
Alexander and Associates prepared for US Army Corps of Engineers,  
Savannah District, May 2000.

Hood, Davyd Foard. "Overhills Historic District. Nominations to the National  
Register of Historic Places" (draft), 1992. On file at the North Carolina  
State Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh.

E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

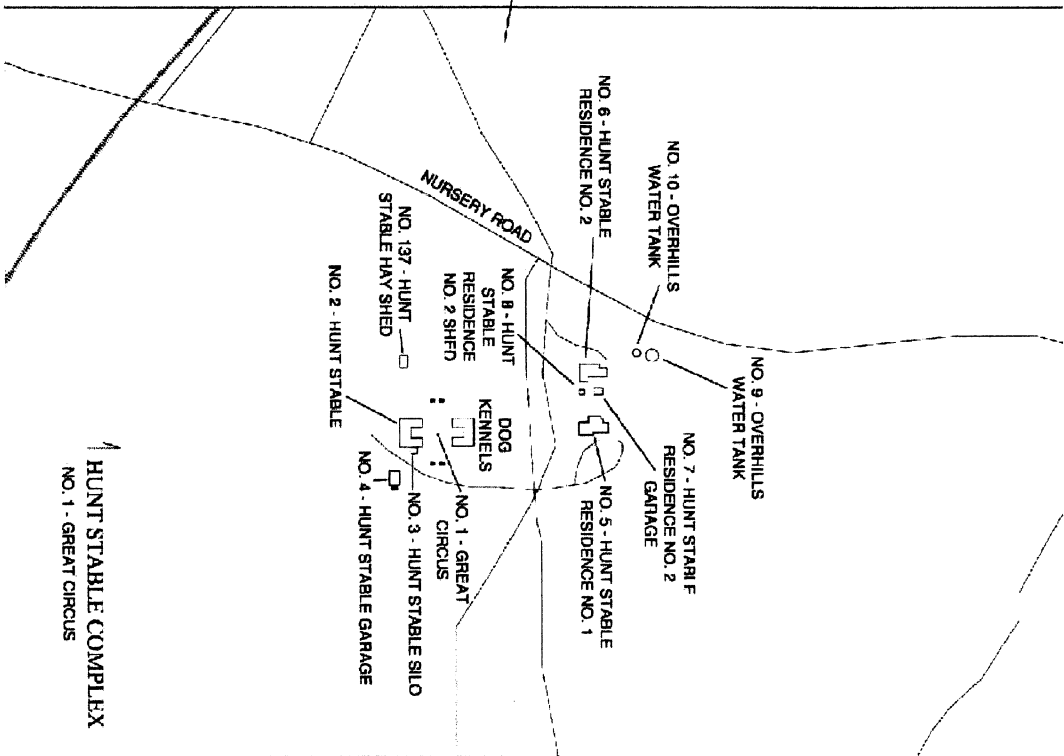
#### PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Cultural Resources Management Program in the Directorates Public Works at Fort Bragg, North Carolina sponsored this project. The project was completed at the Land and Heritage Conservation Branch of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). The project historian was Adam Smith (CERL). Adam Smith, with assistance from Christella Lai and Jennifer Feucht, produced the architectural description section of the report. Martin Stupich produced the large-format photographs contained in the report. Documentation was coordinated with the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program through preservation planner Cris Armstrong and architectural historian Michelle Michael. The documentation was completed May 2007.



OVERHILLS COMPLEX

MAP'S NOT TO SCALE



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